The science, nature, perfection, hidden symbols, and secret meanings in “The Birthmark”. In the book “The Birthmark”, there is many examples of science, nature, and perfection. As well as hidden symbols and secret meanings in the book. I will point out the examples and symbols in the paragraphs below.

The examples of science in “The Birthmark”. Aylmer, the main character of the story, was a very skilled and brilliant scientist, but he was misguided. Aylmer also studied the creation of life and the wonders of the human body. As well as the creation of moving scenes that mimic real life, though they look a little different they look perfect. Or more attractive was the thought of Georgiana, Aylmer’s wife.

The examples of nature in “The Birthmark”. Aylmer made stunning discoveries about natural wonders like the secrets of the cloud region and the largest mines, and how the volcanoes fires are kindled and kept alive. He also created a fast-growing flower that grows so fast it dies almost as soon as his wife picks it. And creates the most magical creations described as “airy figures, absolutely bodiless ideas, and forms of unsubstantial beauty”

Aylmer’s desire to make his wife perfect is an example perfection in the story. But his desire to make his wife perfect is doomed to failure because perfection is only in heaven and can not be found on Earth. The plan was a failure, even though the birthmark did disappear, because she later died of the potion Aylmer gave her to erase the birthmark. Georgiana was a very beautiful, passionate, noble, self-confident, and a highly intelligent woman and she had a flaw, the red hand shaped birthmark on her left cheek. She seemed even more beautiful in the story because she is not perfect. The
smartest men in the story are the ones who understand that perfection is a goal not worthy of pursuing. These men never appeared in the story, but the author of “The Birthmark”, Nathaniel Hawthorne, stresses their appreciation for her is far smarter than Aylmer's fixation on her single flaw.

The examples of hidden symbols and secret meanings in “The Birthmark”. The foolishness of striving for perfection. The very success of the perfection potion maybe why Georgiana died, because she became the ideal being, completely flawless, she was unable to exist in the world. Science vs. Nature, Aylmer attempt to control nature with science only ended with death, chaos, and sorrow. The birthmark, Georgiana’s birthmark is a symbol of morality, a flaw that marks her as a mortal, the mark is nature’s way of reminding us that everything is flawed and that everything will die.

In the paragraphs above I have pointed out three examples for science, nature, perfection in “The Birthmark”. As well as the hidden symbols and secret meanings. In conclusion, this paper is proof that there is signs of science, nature, perfection, hidden symbols, and secret meanings in “The Birthmark”.

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